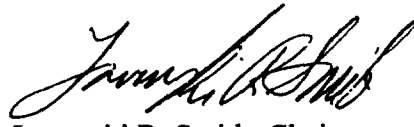


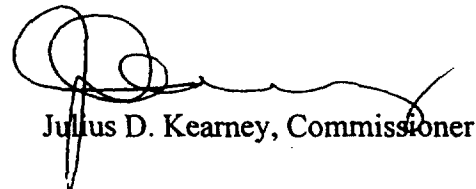
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This 14th day of March, 1997.


Lavenski R. Smith, Chairman


Sam I. Bratton, Jr., Commissioner


Julius D. Kearney, Commissioner


Jan Sanders
Secretary of the Commission

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IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL)
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AGREEMENT UNDER THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 WITH)
COMM SOUTH COMPANIES, INC. D/B/A)
ARKANSAS COMM SOUTH)

DOCKET NO. 97-036-U
ORDER NO. 2

ORDER

On February 4, 1997, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and Comm South Companies, Inc. d/b/a Arkansas Comm South (Comm South) filed a Joint Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. According to the Joint Application, the Interconnection Agreement was negotiated and executed pursuant to the terms of the 1996 Act.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act) requires that any negotiated interconnection agreement shall be submitted to the State commission for approval. The Commission shall approve or reject the agreement within ninety (90) days of the date it is submitted by the parties to the agreement or the agreement is deemed approved. 47 U.S.C. §252(e).

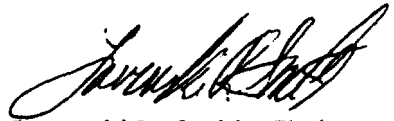
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- 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2).

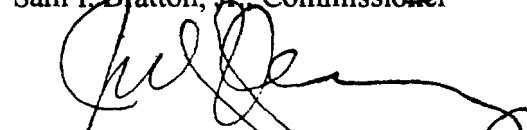
There was no evidence presented in the filed comments that the Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and Comm South discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement or that the agreement is not consistent with the public interest. The Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and Comm South is a negotiated agreement and there is no evidence that the Interconnection Agreement should be rejected pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2)(A). Therefore, the Interconnection Agreement filed by SWBT and Comm South on February 4, 1997, should be and hereby is approved pursuant to Sec. 252(e) of the 1996 Act, 47 U.S.C. §252(e). However, Comm South shall not provide telecommunications service until such time as it receives a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide such service.


BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This 28th day of March, 1997.


Lavenski R. Smith, Chairman


Sam I. Bratton, Jr., Commissioner


Julius D. Kearney, Commissioner


Jan Sanders
Secretary of the Commission

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IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL)
TELEPHONE COMPANY APPLICATION FOR)
APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION)
AGREEMENT UNDER THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 WITH)
FAST CONNECTIONS, INC.)

DOCKET NO. 96-325-U
ORDER NO. 2

O R D E R

On September 26, 1996, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and Fast Connections, Inc. (FCI) filed a Joint Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Application requests approval of an Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and FCI. According to the Joint Application, the Interconnection Agreement was negotiated and executed pursuant to the terms of the 1996 Act.

Order No. 1 entered on October 3, 1996, established a procedural schedule for filing comments on the Interconnection Agreement and scheduled a public hearing on the Agreement.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act) requires that any negotiated interconnection agreement shall be submitted to the State commission for approval. The Commission shall approve or reject the agreement within ninety (90) days of the date it is submitted by the parties to the agreement or the agreement is

deemed approved. 47 U.S.C. §252(e).

The 1996 Act specifies that the Commission may only reject:

(A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that:

(i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or

(ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity;. . .

47 U.S.C. §252(e) (2).

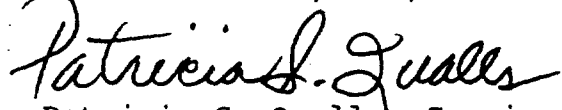
On November 8, 1996, the parties to this Docket filed a joint waiver of hearing on the Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and FCI.

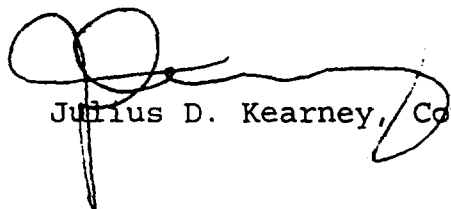
Based upon the comments filed herein, the Commission finds no evidence that the Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and FCI discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement or that the agreement is not consistent with the public interest. The Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and FCI is a negotiated agreement between SWBT and FCI and there is no evidence that the Interconnection Agreement should be rejected pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e) (2) (A). Therefore, the Interconnection Agreement filed by SWBT and FCI on September 23, 1996, should be and hereby is approved pursuant to Sec. 252(e) of the 1996 Act, 47 U.S.C. §252(e). The public hearing scheduled for Friday, November 15, 1996, is hereby cancelled.

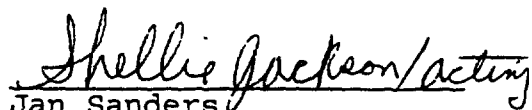
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This 12th day of November, 1996.


Sam I. Bratton, Jr., Chairman


Patricia S. Qualls, Commissioner


Julius D. Kearney, Commissioner


Jan Sanders
Secretary of the Commission

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IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL)
TELEPHONE COMPANY APPLICATION FOR)
APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF)
1996 WITH INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS,)
INC.)

DOCKET NO. 97-003-U
ORDER NO. 2

ORDER

On January 6, 1997, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed an Application requesting approval of an Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) between SWBT and Intermedia Communications, Inc. (Intermedia) pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act). According to the Application, the Agreement was negotiated and executed pursuant to the terms of the 1996 Act.

The 1996 Act requires that any negotiated interconnection agreement shall be submitted to the State commission for approval. The Commission shall approve or reject the agreement within ninety (90) days of the date it is submitted by the parties to the agreement or the agreement is deemed approved. 47 U.S.C. §252(e).

The 1996 Act specifies that the Commission may only reject:

- (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that -
 - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
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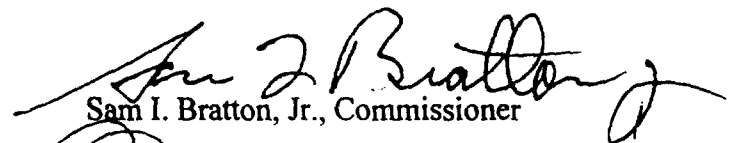
There was no evidence presented in the filed comments that the Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and Intermedia discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement or that the agreement is not consistent with the public interest. The Agreement between Intermedia and SWBT is a negotiated agreement between Intermedia and SWBT and there is no evidence that the Agreement should be rejected pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2)(A). Therefore, the Interconnection Agreement filed by SWBT on January 6, 1997, should be and is hereby approved pursuant to Sec. 252(e) of the 1996 Act, 47 U.S.C. §252(e). Intermedia is reminded that it may not begin providing telecommunications services until it has received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide such service.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

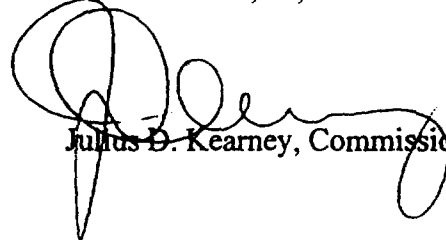
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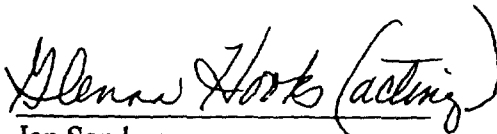
Lavenski R. Smith, Chairman



Sam I. Bratton, Jr., Commissioner



Julius D. Kearney, Commissioner



Jan Sanders
Secretary of the Commission

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IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL)
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AGREEMENT UNDER THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 WITH)
MAX-TEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)

DOCKET NO. 97-190-U
ORDER NO. 3

ORDER

On May 5, 1997, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and Max-Tel Communications, Inc. (Max-Tel) filed a Joint Application for Approval of a Resale Interconnection Agreement under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. According to the Joint Application, the Interconnection Agreement was negotiated and executed pursuant to the terms of the 1996 Act.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act) requires that any negotiated interconnection agreement shall be submitted to the State commission for approval. The Commission shall approve or reject the agreement within ninety (90) days of the date it is submitted by the parties to the agreement or the agreement is deemed approved. 47 U.S.C. §252(e).

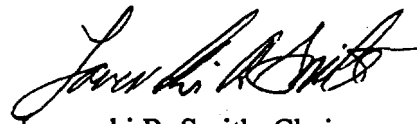
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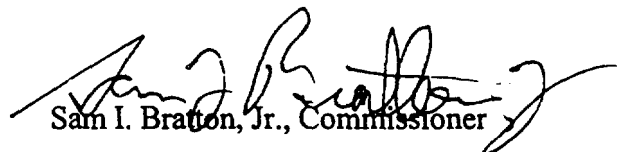
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 - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
 - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; . . .
- 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2).


No evidence has been presented that the Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and Max-Tel discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement or that the agreement is not consistent with the public interest. The Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and Max-Tel is a negotiated agreement and there is no evidence that the Interconnection Agreement should be rejected pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2)(A). Therefore, the Interconnection Agreement filed by SWBT and Max-Tel hereby is approved pursuant to Sec. 252(e) of the 1996 Act, 47 U.S.C. §252(e). However, Max-Tel shall not provide telecommunications service until such time as it receives a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide such service.

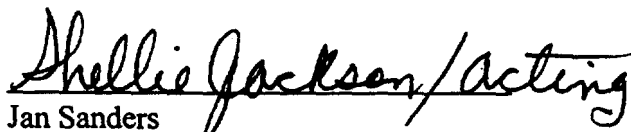
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This 15th day of July, 1997.


Lavenski R. Smith, Chairman


Sam I. Bratton, Jr., Commissioner


Julius D. Kearney, Commissioner


Jan Sanders
Secretary of the Commission

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 WITH)
PREFERRED CARRIER SERVICES, INC.)

DOCKET NO. 97-027-U
ORDER NO. 2

ORDER

On January 28, 1997, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and Preferred Carrier Services, Inc. (PCSI) filed a Joint Application for Approval of a Resale Interconnection Agreement under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. According to the Joint Application, the Interconnection Agreement was negotiated and executed pursuant to the terms of the 1996 Act.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act) requires that any negotiated interconnection agreement shall be submitted to the State commission for approval. The Commission shall approve or reject the agreement within ninety (90) days of the date it is submitted by the parties to the agreement or the agreement is deemed approved. 47 U.S.C. §252(e).

The 1996 Act specifies that the Commission may only reject:

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 - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; . . .
- 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2).


There was no evidence presented in the filed comments that the Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and PCSI discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement or that the agreement is not consistent with the public interest. The Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and PCSI is a negotiated agreement and there is no evidence that the Interconnection Agreement should be rejected pursuant to 47 U.S.C.

§252(e)(2)(A). Therefore, the Interconnection Agreement filed by SWBT and PCSI on January 28, 1997, should be and hereby is approved pursuant to Sec. 252(e) of the 1996 Act, 47 U.S.C.

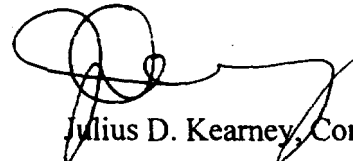
§252(e). However, PCSI shall not provide telecommunications service until such time as it receives a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide such service.

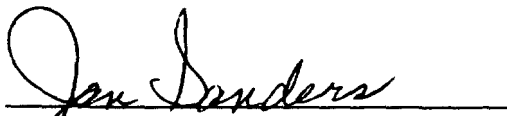
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This 14th day of March, 1997.


Lavenski R. Smith, Chairman


Sam I. Bratton, Jr., Commissioner


Julius D. Kearney, Commissioner


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Secretary of the Commission

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**IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL)
TELEPHONE COMPANY APPLICATION FOR)
APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT))
UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF)
1996 WITH STERLING INTERNATIONAL FUNDING)**

**DOCKET NO. 96-426-U
ORDER NO. 2**

ORDER

On December 5, 1996, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed an Application requesting approval of a Resale Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) between SWBT and Sterling International Funding (Sterling) pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act). According to the Application, the Agreement was negotiated and executed pursuant to the terms of the 1996 Act.

The 1996 Act requires that any negotiated interconnection agreement shall be submitted to the State commission for approval. The Commission shall approve or reject the agreement within ninety (90) days of the date it is submitted by the parties to the agreement or the agreement is deemed approved. 47 U.S.C. §252(e).

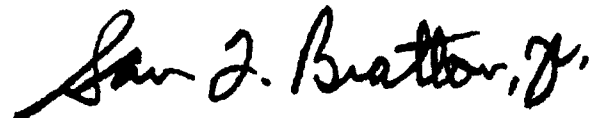
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 - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; . . . 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2).

There was no evidence presented in the filed comments that the Resale Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and Sterling discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement or that the agreement is not consistent with the public interest. The Resale Interconnection Agreement between Sterling and SWBT is a negotiated agreement between Sterling and SWBT and there is no evidence that the Agreement should be rejected pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2)(A). Therefore, the Interconnection Agreement filed by SWBT on December 5, 1996, should be and is hereby approved pursuant to Sec. 252(e) of the 1996 Act, 47 U.S.C. §252(e). Sterling is reminded that it may not begin providing telecommunications services until it has received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide such service.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

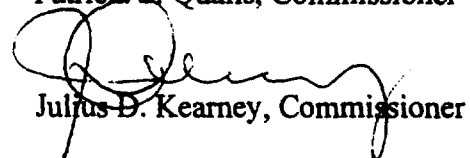
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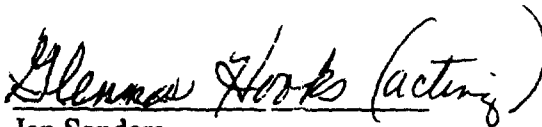
Sam I. Bratton, Jr., Chairman



Patricia S. Qualls, Commissioner



Julius D. Kearney, Commissioner



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Secretary of the Commission

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IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL)
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APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF)
1996 WITH TIE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)

DOCKET NO. 96-386-U
ORDER NO. 2

ORDER

On November 8, 1996, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and Tie Communications, Inc. (Tie) filed a Joint Application requesting approval of an Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) between SWBT and Tie pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act). According to the Application, the Joint Agreement was negotiated and executed pursuant to the terms of the 1996 Act.

The 1996 Act requires that any negotiated interconnection agreement shall be submitted to the State commission for approval. The Commission shall approve or reject the agreement within ninety (90) days of the date it is submitted by the parties to the agreement or the agreement is deemed approved. 47 U.S.C. §252(e).

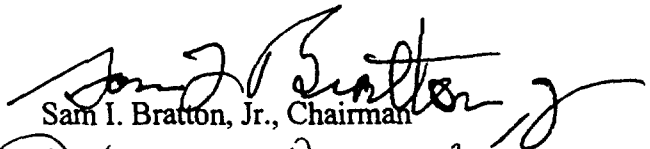
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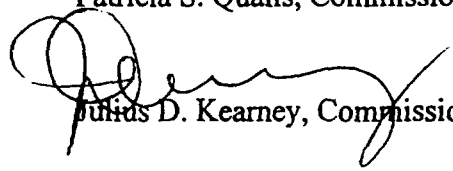
There was no evidence presented in the filed comments that the Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and Tie discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement or that the agreement is not consistent with the public interest. The Interconnection Agreement between Tie and SWBT is a negotiated agreement between Tie and SWBT and there is no evidence that the Interconnection Agreement should be rejected pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2)(A). Therefore, the Interconnection Agreement filed by SWBT and Tie on November 8, 1996, should be and is hereby approved pursuant to Sec. 252(e) of the 1996 Act, 47 U.S.C. §252(e). Tie is reminded that it may not begin providing telecommunications services until it has received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide such service.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This 7th day of January, 1997.


Sam I. Bratton, Jr., Chairman


Patricia S. Qualls, Commissioner


Julius D. Kearney, Commissioner


Jan Sanders
Secretary of the Commission

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IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL)
TELEPHONE COMPANY APPLICATION FOR)
APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION)
AGREEMENT UNDER THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 WITH)
US LONG DISTANCE, INC.)

DOCKET NO. 96-291-U
ORDER NO. 2

O R D E R

On September 9, 1996, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed an Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Application requests approval of an Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and US Long Distance, Inc. (USLD). According to the Application, the Interconnection Agreement was negotiated and executed pursuant to the terms of the 1996 Act.

Order No. 1 entered on October 3, 1996, established a procedural schedule for filing comments on the Interconnection Agreement and scheduled a public hearing on the Agreement.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act) requires that any negotiated interconnection agreement shall be submitted to the State commission for approval. The Commission shall approve or reject the agreement within ninety (90) days of the date it is submitted by the parties to the agreement or the agreement is

deemed approved. 47 U.S.C. §252(e).

The 1996 Act specifies that the Commission may only reject:

(A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that:

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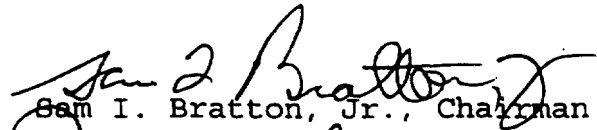
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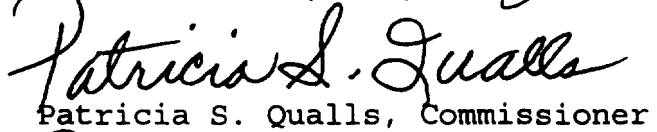
On November 7, 1996, all parties to this Docket filed a joint waiver of hearing on the Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and USLD.

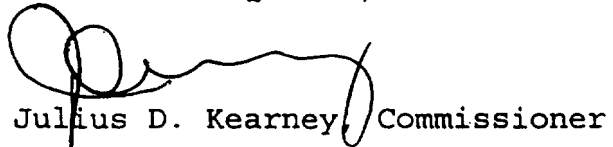
Based upon the comments filed herein, the Commission finds no evidence that the Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and USLD discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement or that the agreement is not consistent with the public interest. The Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and USLD is a negotiated agreement between SWBT and USLD and there is no evidence that the Interconnection Agreement should be rejected pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2)(A). Therefore, the Interconnection Agreement filed by SWBT on September 9, 1996, as corrected on November 8, 1996, should be and hereby is approved pursuant to Sec. 252(e) of the 1996 Act, 47 U.S.C. §252(e). The public hearing scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 1996, is hereby cancelled.

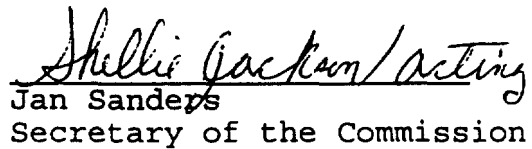
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This 12th day of November, 1996.


Sam I. Bratton, Jr., Chairman


Patricia S. Qualls, Commissioner


Julius D. Kearney, Commissioner


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Secretary of the Commission

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IN THE MATTER OF JOINT APPLICATION)
BY SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE)
COMPANY AND MCIMETRO ACCESS)
TRANSMISSION SERVICES COMPANY, INC.)
FOR APPROVAL OF TRAFFIC TERMINATION)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER)
SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)

DOCKET NO. 97-064-U
ORDER NO. 2

ORDER

On February 25, 1997, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and MCImetro Access Transmission Services Company, Inc. (MCImetro) filed a Joint Application requesting approval of a Traffic Termination Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) between SWBT and MCImetro pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act). According to the Application, the Interconnection Agreement establishes terms for interconnection limited to compensation for terminating interexchange traffic between MCImetro's local exchange customers in Memphis, Tennessee and SWBT's customers in West Memphis and Marion, Arkansas exchanges through "Extended Calling Area Traffic."

The 1996 Act requires that any negotiated interconnection agreement shall be submitted to the State commission for approval. The Commission shall approve or reject the agreement within ninety (90) days of the date it is submitted by the parties to the agreement or the agreement is deemed approved. 47 U.S.C. §252(e).

The 1996 Act specifies that the Commission may only reject:

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 - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; . . . 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2).

There was no evidence presented in the filed comments that the Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and MCImetro discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement or that the agreement is not consistent with the public interest. The Agreement between MCImetro and SWBT is a negotiated agreement and there is no evidence that the Agreement should be rejected pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2)(A). Therefore, the Interconnection Agreement filed on February 25, 1997, should be and is hereby approved pursuant to Sec. 252(e) of the 1996 Act, 47 U.S.C. §252(e).

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

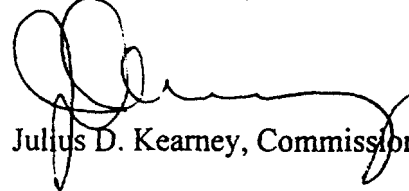
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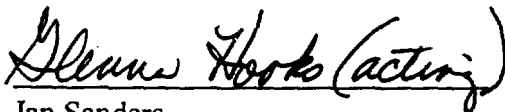
Lavenski R. Smith, Chairman



Sam I. Bratton, Jr., Commissioner



Julius D. Kearney, Commissioner



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IN THE MATTER OF JOINT APPLICATION)
BY SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE)
COMPANY AND NEXTLINK TENNESSEE,)
L.L.C. FOR APPROVAL OF TRAFFIC)
TERMINATION INTERCONNECTION)
AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252)
OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF)
1996)

DOCKET NO. 97-119-U
ORDER NO. 2

ORDER

On March 17, 1997, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and NextLink Tennessee, L.L.C. (NextLink) filed a Joint Application requesting approval of a Traffic Termination Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) between SWBT and NextLink pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act). According to the Application, the Interconnection Agreement establishes terms for interconnection limited to compensation for terminating interexchange traffic between NextLink's local exchange customers in Memphis, Tennessee and SWBT's customers in West Memphis and Marion, Arkansas exchanges through "Extended Calling Area Traffic."

The 1996 Act requires that any negotiated interconnection agreement shall be submitted to the State commission for approval. The Commission shall approve or reject the agreement within ninety (90) days of the date it is submitted by the parties to the agreement or the agreement is deemed approved. 47 U.S.C. §252(e).

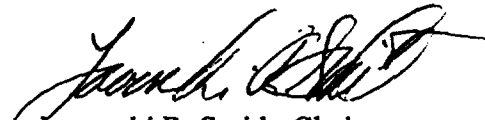
The 1996 Act specifies that the Commission may only reject:


- (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that -
 - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
 - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; . . . 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2).

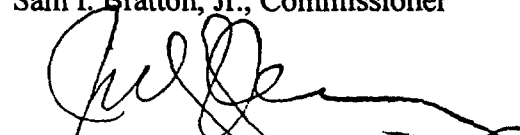
There was no evidence presented in the filed comments that the Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and NextLink discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement or that the agreement is not consistent with the public interest. The Agreement between NextLink and SWBT is a negotiated agreement and there is no evidence that the Agreement should be rejected pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2)(A). Therefore, the Interconnection Agreement filed on March 17, 1997, should be and is hereby approved pursuant to Sec. 252(e) of the 1996 Act, 47 U.S.C. §252(e).

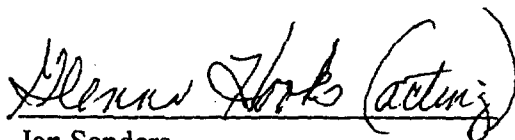
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This 28th day of March, 1997.


Lavenski R. Smith, Chairman


Sam I. Bratton, Jr., Commissioner


Julius D. Kearney, Commissioner


Jan Sanders
Secretary of the Commission

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FILED

IN THE MATTER OF JOINT APPLICATION)
BY SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE)
COMPANY AND TIME WARNER)
COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MID-SOUTH,)
L.P. FOR APPROVAL OF TRAFFIC)
TERMINATION AGREEMENT UNDER)
SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)

DOCKET NO. 97-239-U
ORDER NO. 1

ORDER

On June 17, 1997, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and Time Warner Communications of the Mid-South, L.P. (TWC) filed a Joint Application requesting approval of a Traffic Termination Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) between SWBT and TWC pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act). According to the Application, the Interconnection Agreement establishes terms for interconnection limited to compensation for terminating interexchange traffic between TWC's local exchange customers in Memphis, Tennessee and SWBT's customers in West Memphis and Marion, Arkansas exchanges through "Extended Calling Area Traffic."

The 1996 Act requires that any negotiated interconnection agreement shall be submitted to the State commission for approval. The Commission shall approve or reject the agreement within ninety (90) days of the date it is submitted by the parties to the agreement or the agreement is deemed approved. 47 U.S.C. §252(e).

The 1996 Act specifies that the Commission may only reject:

- (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that -
 - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
 - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; . . . 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2).

The Staff of the Public Service Commission (Staff) filed Comments on the Joint Application stating that Staff concluded that the Agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and is not inconsistent with the public interest. The Joint Agreement has been a matter of public record since June 17, 1997, and no other entity has sought to intervene or comment on the Joint Application. The Agreement between TWC and SWBT is a negotiated agreement and there is no evidence that the Agreement should be rejected pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2)(A). The negotiated Agreement filed June 17, 1997, is approved in compliance with to Sec. 252(e) of the 1996 Act, 47 U.S.C. §252(e).

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

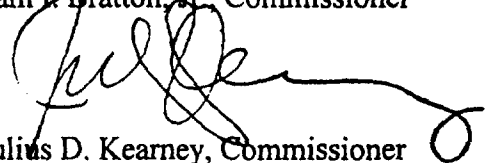
This 25th day of July, 1997.



Lavenski R. Smith, Chairman



Sam L. Bratton, Jr. Commissioner



Julius D. Kearney, Commissioner



Jan Sanders

Secretary of the Commission